

METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR TRANSFER OF ORDERS FROM AN ORDER
MANAGEMENT SYSTEM TO AN ELECTRONIC MARKETPLACE

ABSTRACT

5 An order management system permits the filling of orders for items. The items are
supplied from fulfillment centres or from suppliers enrolled in electronic
marketplaces. The order management system has a set of fulfillment centre objects
that represent fulfillment centres. There is a release to fulfillment object for
associating one or more items in an order with one of the fulfillment centres.
Fulfillment instructions for items associated with a fulfillment centre object are sent
10 to the corresponding fulfillment centre. In the order management system, electronic
marketplaces are able to be represented as fulfillment centre objects to permit release
to fulfillment steps to be carried out for the electronic marketplaces in a manner
similar to that used when items are to be fulfilled from regular fulfillment centres.